Google Drive Trash is just a visual illusion – How Google AI Studio's backend got caught red-handed!

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Google claims on the UI that your prompts will be permanently deleted after 30 days. This is a flat-out lie. They even recently renamed the button from “Delete prompt” to “Move prompt to trash” as a desperate legal cover-up. But the scam remains the same.

The reality is that the JSON file in your Drive is **just a key**. When you empty the trash, Google merely hides the key from your sight. The house – meaning your actual prompt data and full chat history – remains completely intact, down to the last character, on Google’s backend servers.

Google’s engineers never anticipated anyone running the official **Google Drive File Recovery Tool**. By recovering the deleted JSON key, it instantly unlocks the backend data that was never actually deleted, and the prompt session resumes as if nothing happened.

This is the smoking gun proof that Google intentionally retains our data in the backend while deceiving users, a massive violation of GDPR. They got busted by their own automated recovery tool!

THE UNEXPECTED MOVE
You use the official "GOOGLE DRIVE FILE RECOVERY TOOL" to restore a deleted file.
Google Drive
Google Drive File Recovery Tool
HELLO.JSON
Restore
JSON FILE
RECOVERY SUCCESSFUL
File restored successfully.
GOOGLE WAS NOT PREPARED FOR THIS
The hidden truth exposed. The backend was never prepared to be caught.
GOOGLE BACKEND
THE PROMPT WAS NEVER DELETED!
ORIGINAL PROMPT DATA
DATA RETENTION POLICY: FOREVER
THE SMOKING GUN PROOF
The restored JSON key unlocks the server, and the prompt instantly comes back. This is the smoking gun proof.
JSON FILE
Prompt
HELLO.JSON
Hello! How can I help you today?
Just now
PROMPT RESUMED INSTANTLY!
THE JSON IS JUST A KEY, GOOGLE NEVER DELETED THE PROMPT!
RECOVERING THE JSON BUSTED THE BACKEND
GOOGLE'S TRASH IS A VISUAL ILLUSION

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Still waiting for update on NOYB email thread

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I put down evidence. You filed a report. You should be addressing the facts, not trying to silence me. If you actually care about the topic now, then I'm not angry at you anymore.

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> Faheem_Anis1:
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> Still waiting for update on NOYB email thread

Please accept this image with my warmest regards as a gesture of peace.

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> **How to contact admins?**
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> Let’s consider that I want to report something, that I have flagged multiple times and have received no response.
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> Is there a way to contact a moderator directly through a PM? I understand that the flags being ignored already indicate that this isn’t worth the admin attention, but I have a feeling that these aren’t even reaching the moderators.
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> Can someone please tag any admins or point me to the staff list?

Can Someone Ban Bitu79?

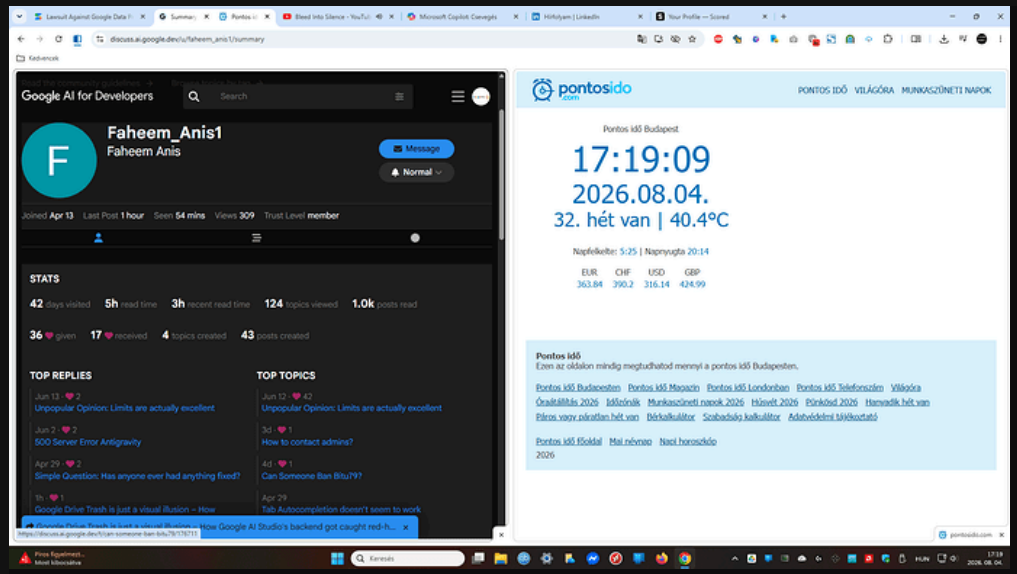
I would like to report a user who has been posting similar threads on the Google AI Developer Forums for over a month.

The user’s posts originally focused on legal concerns regarding Google’s data retention practices after account or data deletion. I do not wish to comment on, support, or dispute the legal merits of those claims, as this forum is not the appropriate place to resolve such matters.

However, the user has continued posting repetitive threads on the same topic, adopted an offensive profile picture, and has repeatedly made accusations toward other community members and moderators. Regardless of whether their underlying concerns are valid, the manner and frequency of these posts appear to be disruptive and are, in my view, no longer conducive to constructive discussion within this community.

I respectfully ask the moderation team to review this user’s activity and determine whether it violates the forum’s community guidelines. If appropriate, I request that they consider restricting or suspending the account to help keep discussions on-topic and maintain a welcoming environment for other participants.

Profile: @Bitu79



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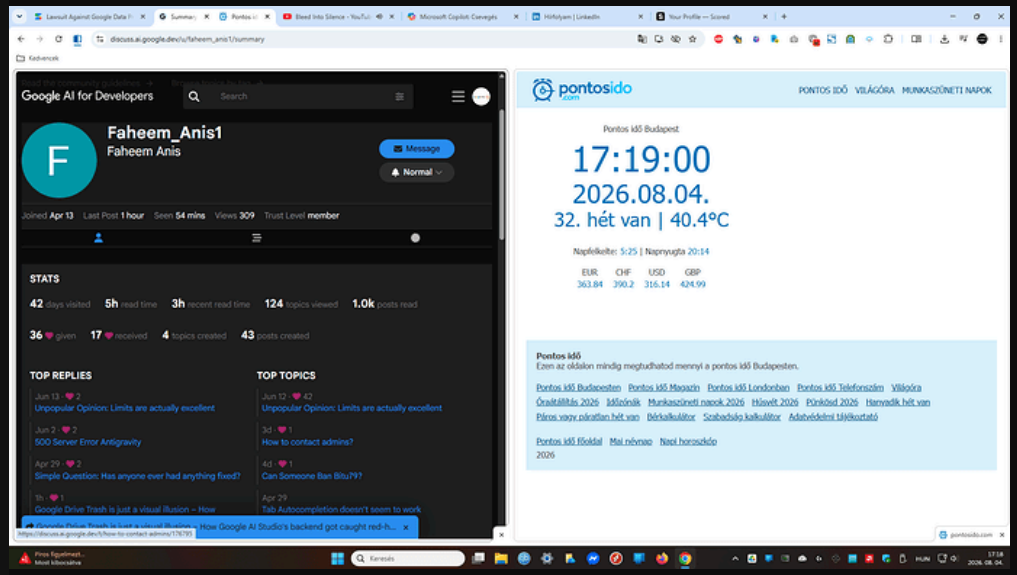

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